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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Toshikazu ODA, et al.

SERIAL NO: NEW APPLICATION

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EXAMINER:

FOR: STEPWISE ZERO-DATA-DETECTION MUTE CIRCUIT

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Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

REFERENCES

- The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

Reference AO (JP 2001-77694) on Form PTO- 1449:

This invention can make circuit area of variable resistance small. This invention is effective in the circuit which mutes the output of DAC when it detects 0 data.

Reference AP (JP 2001-274645) on Form PTO- 1449:

Variable resistance is used for feedback resistance of an inverting amplifier.

Reference AQ (JP 2001-244791) on Form PTO- 1449:

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	AO	2001-77694	03/23/01	Japan	YES	NO	x
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